

I further certify that I am affiliated with the _____ Party. [To be completed only if applicant seeks to vote in the primary of the political party to which he belongs.]

I further certify that the following is my official address:

[Unit (Co., Sq., Trp., Bn., etc.), Governmental Agency, or Office]

[Military Base, Station, Camp, Fort, Ship, Airfield, etc.]

[Street number, APO, or FPO number]

[City, postal zone, State, and zip code]

[E-mail address]

I further certify that I made application for absentee ballots and that I marked the ballots enclosed herein, or that they were marked for me in my presence and according to my instruction. I understand it is a felony to falsely sign this certificate.

Witness my hand in the presence of _____ [Insert ~~names~~ name and ~~addresses~~ address of witnesses witness] this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Signature of voter)

Signature of witness #1 _____

Address of witness #1 _____

~~Signature of witness # 2~~ _____

~~Address of witness # 2~~ _____

Note: This certificate must be witnessed by ~~any two persons who are~~ a person who is 18 years of age or older, and must contain ~~their signatures and addresses.~~ the signature and address of the witness."

(d) Instruction Sheets. – The county board of elections shall prepare and print a sufficient number of sheets of instructions on how voters covered by the provisions of this Article are to prepare absentee ballots and return them to the chairman of the county board of elections. The instruction sheets shall be printed and available for use not later than ~~60 days before the primary or election~~ the date of ballot availability."

SECTION 2. G.S. 163-227.3(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) A board of elections shall provide absentee ballots of the kinds needed 60 days prior to the statewide general election in even-numbered years and 50 days prior to the date on which the any other election shall be ~~conducted~~ conducted, unless 45 days is authorized by the State Board of Elections under G.S. 163-22(k) or there shall exist an appeal before the State Board or the courts not concluded, in which case the board shall provide the ballots as quickly as possible upon the conclusion of such an appeal. However, in the case of municipal elections, absentee ballots shall be made available no later than 30 days before an election. In every instance the board of elections shall exert every effort to provide absentee ballots, of the kinds needed by the date on which absentee voting is authorized to commence."

SECTION 3. G.S. 163-228 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-228. **Register of absentee requests, applications, and ballots issued; a public record.**

The State Board of Elections shall approve an official register in which the county board of elections in each county of the State shall record the following information:

- (1) Name of voter for whom application and ballots are being requested, and, if applicable, the name and address of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian who requested the application and ballots for the voter.
- (2) Number of assigned voter's application when issued.
- (3) Precinct in which applicant is registered.